

Elmendorf team leaves for Rockies

19 Arctic Warriors go to Colorado for combat training

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For the first time ever, the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron, in conjunction with the 611th Air Support Squadron, sent troops to train for combat with the Army.

Eighteen 611th CES Arctic Warriors and one 611th ASUS troop left Saturday for Fort Carson, Colo., where they will be led by Army combat trainers. The experience will teach the Airmen what they need to

know to use heavy arms, and how to operate and survive in a combat environment.

“We’ll meet with about 400 Air Force civil engineers from all around the U.S., and we’ll be going through roughly three weeks of combat training,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dale Littles, 611th CES team leader for the deployment.

The Airmen will be trained in combat weapons use, Humvee operation, proper communication, land navigation and leadership.

“We’re also going through a combat life support class, which is similar to what the Air Force offers, except this one will be more than 40 hours long and more in-depth for combat

situations,” said Sergeant Littles.

Even though the Army and the Air Force wear the same uniform, it may be a bit of a culture shock for many of the Airmen. According to Sergeant Littles, the Airmen will be doing Army physical training and intense combat training seven days a week.

“I’m excited to be learning more about warfare and integrating with the Army. I’m expecting we’ll learn a lot from each other,” said Senior Airman Walter Croft, 611th CES structural journeyman.

In addition to training in Colorado, the group is scheduled to go on to a forward deployed location in Kuwait in support of an Air Expeditionary Force. Once they reach Kuwait,

they’ll go through a combat skills certification course and begin their AEF rotation.

“At first it will be practice, practice, practice. Then, we’ll leave in early November and go on to Kuwait for 179 days. We’ll go through five days of evaluation to get combat certified on all that we’ve learned in Colorado, and then we’ll do the same craftsmen-type work that we’re used to back home,” said Sergeant Littles.

“I’m sure we will come back with a greater appreciation of the Army and what the Army does. This whole experience should be some of the best training that we’ve ever had,” said Sergeant Littles.

Sergeant commits adultery, receives Article 15

■ A technical sergeant from the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron committed adultery.

His punishment included a suspended reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months.

■ An airman from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron committed adultery.

Her punishment included a reduction to the grade of airman basic.

■ An airman first class from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron failed to go to his place of duty.

His previous Article 15, which included a suspended punishment, was vacated and he received a reduction to the grade of airman.

■ An airman first class from the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron failed to go to his place of duty.

His previous Article 15, which included a suspended punishment, was vacated and he received a reduction to the grade of airman.

■ A staff sergeant from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron assaulted his wife.

His punishment included a reduction to senior airman, 45 days extra

duty, and a reprimand.

■ An airman from the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron drove his vehicle while intoxicated.

His punishment included a reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman first class from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron committed adultery.

Her punishment included a reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$312 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron committed adultery.

His punishment included a reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$792 pay per month for two months, and 45 days extra duty.

■ A staff sergeant from the 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron committed adultery.

His punishment included a reduction to the grade of senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$945 pay per month for two months, and 45 days extra duty.